

Title: Ministry and Money Report (Implementation Update)

Origin: Charlie Gaines, Chair of Ministry and Money Task Force

Background Information:

The Fort Worth General Assembly approved the merger of the Church Finance Council into the General Assembly and the assignment of responsibilities for CFC's functions to the Office of the General Minister and President. Final oversight authority was given to the General Minister and President for the distribution of the responsibilities, staffing, and implementation.

Following Lois Artis' resignation as CFC President, Todd Adams served as Interim President, Rick Reisinger served as Interim Treasurer, and Hal Watkins served as Transition Coordinator. Charlie Gaines chaired a search committee for the position of Vice President and Treasurer. The search was suspended after a call was not negotiated with a final candidate.

At the same time, Dan Clark, Interim President of DHM convened the DHM Stewardship Commission. The Commission asked that OGMP take responsibility for stewardship as a whole-church need and spiritual discipline, rather than a program of the church.

The General Minister and President then consulted with OGMP Senior Staff, Moderators of the Assembly, and section leaders of Ministry and Money task force regarding the staffing of the responsibilities and the placement of stewardship. In reviewing all of the responsibilities, job functions, and duties OGMP has created the following positions in accepting responsibility for ministry of CFC:

- John Goebel, Senior Accountant
- Josh Scott, Receivables and Cashier
- Gwen Woodard, Accounts Payable
- Arlene Pimentel, Director of Disciples Mission Fund with an emphasis on reaching our ethnic constituencies.
- Brenda Ray, Executive Assistant to the AGMVP and DMF Coordinator,
- Todd Adams, AGMVP will provide Senior Staff oversight for these ministries.

These positions are funded out of CFC portion of the General Ministries share of Disciples Mission Fund.

In receiving these responsibilities, OGMP has launched a development program for Disciples Mission Fund; established relationships that are expanding, creating, producing, and expanding the Special Day Offering materials; updated the software and technology for the receipt and distribution process; and consolidated office space to achieve additional cost savings.

At the writing of this report, the Administrative Committee will be advising the GMP on the responsibilities for stewardship and the training of congregational treasurers.

Under the thoughtful planning of Hal Watkins, and with the leadership of Todd Adams, John Goebel and Rick Reisinger, I am pleased to report that the merger of CFC is complete and OGMP is handling the responsibilities assigned to it. The year end audit of CFC is a clean audit and available for review upon request. A copy of the 2008 audit, showing the merged and recorded assets of CFC will be provided to the outgoing chairs of the CFC board and audit committee.

Recommended Action:

That the General Board receives the report from the Ministry and Money Task Force.